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_____ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application, Serial
No. **09/900,229** on **July 6, 2001** of **Manilal S. Dahanayake, Jiang Yang, Joseph H.Y.**
Niu, Paul Joel Derian, Ruoxin Li and David Dino for **VISCOELASTIC SURFACTANT**
FLUIDS AND RELATED METHODS OF USE.

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4. **XXX** A copy of the executed oath or declaration from U.S. Application Serial
No. **09/900,229** filed **July 6, 2001** is enclosed.

5. _____ A new oath or declaration, new formal drawings and an affidavit or
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6. XXX Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---
This is a XXX continuation, _____ division, of application serial no. 09/900,229, filed
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7. XXX The prior application is assigned of record to: **RHODIA, INC.**

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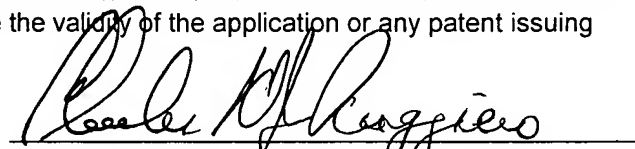
9. ____ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment
have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following
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10. XXX Priority of application No. 09/900,229 filed on July 6, 2001; U.S. Patent
Application No. 09/093,131 filed June 8, 1998; U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.
60/049,045 filed on June 10, 1997 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.
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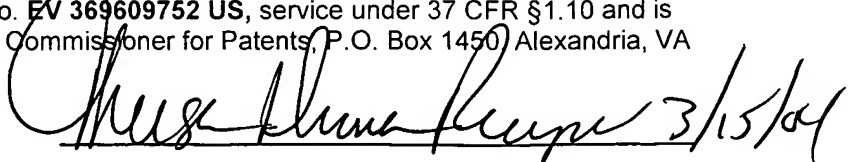
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